



Megacyclops viridis

A cyclopoid copepod

General

1. Copepod growing to 3mm

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Eurasia
2. Habitat:
 - Tolerant of sodium concentrations of up to 7.9 g/l
 - Associated with the presence of macrophytes
 - Occurs frequently in littoral zones
 - Tolerates moderately eutrophic water
 - May occur in groundwater as a stygoxen (tolerates oxygen saturation as low as 25% for four days)



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<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=2723>

Invasion Pathways

1. Ballast water release

Sources

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